

( Rep. No. 126. )

FEBRUARY 1, 1843.

Read twice, and committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Wood, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported the following bill :

**A BILL**

To authorize the purchase of land adjoining the navy yard at Brooklyn, in the State of New York.

1      *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2      *of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That*  
3      the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, empowered  
4      and authorized to purchase, for and in behalf of the United  
5      States, if the same can be had on reasonable terms, (or on  
6      such terms as he may consider reasonable,) all the land  
7      lying in the city of Brooklyn, and State of New York, between  
8      the present western boundary line of the navy yard and the  
9      eastern boundary of Little street, and running southerly from  
10     the water's edge to the intersection of said Little street with  
11     Evans street, together with all the buildings and improve-  
12     ments on said land, and the privilege to enclose and improve  
13     any streets, lanes, or alleys, lying east of said Little street ;  
14     also, all the land commencing at the present southwestern  
15     boundary of said navy yard, and running, a little southward  
16     of east, along the contemplated extension of Nassau street,

17 until it intersects the grounds now owned by the United  
18 States, and occupied and improved as a naval hospital, lying  
19 north of the northern boundary line of said Nassau street ex-  
20 tended, to low-water mark.

1       SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if the Secretary  
2 of the Navy and the proprietors of the land aforesaid cannot  
3 come to a mutual understanding or agreement, as to the value  
4 of said land and improvements, then and in that case it shall  
5 be lawful for the Secretary of the Navy to appoint a disinterest-  
6 ed person as referee, to confer with such other disinterested  
7 person as said proprietors on their part shall select as referee,  
8 whose decision as to the value of said lands and improve-  
9 ments shall be binding on both parties ; but if they, the said  
10 referees, cannot agree, they shall be at liberty to choose a third  
11 disinterested person as umpire, and the decision of any two  
12 of them shall be binding, in the same manner as if the  
13 referees themselves had come to an agreement.

1       SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That such sum or  
2 sums of money as may be necessary to carry this act into  
3 effect, not exceeding the entire sum of                      dollars,  
4 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys  
5 in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.